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SOUTH VIETNAM

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SUBJECT

ALLEGED VIET CONG USE OF AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR IN NGHIA HAM DISTRICT, QUANG NGAI PROVINCE, TO TEACH CADRES ENGLISH

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SOURCE

1. IN EARLY JUNE THE VIET CONG (VC) WERE USING THREE AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR (POW) TO TEACH VC CADRES ENGLISH AT PHU THO HAMLET, NGHAI PHU VILLAGE, NGHIA HAM DISTRICT, QUANG NGAI PROVINCE, ACCORDING TO VC GUARDS IN THE HAMLET. THE POWS, ALLEGEDLY CAPTURED IN DUC PHU DISTRICT, WERE DETAINED IN A SHELTER IN A FOREST AREA ADJOINING THE HAMLET DURING THE DAY. AT NIGHT

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THE VC TAKE THEM TO THE HAMLET. THEY ARE TREATED WELL.

2. [REDACTED] COMMENT: TWO EARLIER REPORTS, EVALUATED POSSIBLY TRUE BY EACH OF THE SOURCES MENTIONED HEREUNDER, CONCERNED THE CAPTURE OF FOUR AMERICAN SOLDIERS IN QUANG NGAI. ONE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], STATED THAT [REDACTED] REPORTED THAT FOUR AMERICANS WERE CAPTURED ON 21 APRIL AT THE THUONG HOA RIVER BY A BINH SON DISTRICT VC MAIN FORCE OPERATING IN THE AREA OF BINH LANK, BINH THONG, BINH KY, BINH AN AND BINH NAM VILLAGES IN EASTERN BINH SON. THE OTHER, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REPORTED THAT FOUR AMERICANS HAD BEEN CAPTURED AT A "SECRET TUNNEL" AT THE THUONG HOA, BINH LANK VILLAGE (BS 636974) ON 21 APRIL. THEY WERE TO BE MOVED ON TO A WESTERN AREA.  
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[REDACTED] OF 12 FEBRUARY 1967 REPORTED A VC DETENTION CAMP LOCATED AT THE WESTERN EDGE OF PHO KHUCNG HAMLET, NGHIA PHU VILLAGE, WITH TWO OR THREE AMERICANS UNDER DETENTION.)

3. REQUIREMENT REFERENCE O-IE6-14883.

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